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TELCON

Bundy

Ball

10/24/62, 11:35 p.m.

Bundy - We are arranging not to have anything fancy happening during the night. The President is drafting for discussion ~~xx~~ and consideration one more answer to K because he thinks this one is the height of ~~hypoc~~ hypocrisy. I talked to Tommy and ~~he~~ will be interested to know that his opinion is that that last paragraph signifies local counteraction. ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ That's his curb stone reaction. It's queer ~~if it is true that they would want a naval war, but that's what he/~~ thinks.  
Ball - But that could be submarines, couldn't it?

Bundy - That's what he thinks.

~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ submarines

Ball - ~~/It~~ could be very serious

it could indeed be serious and

Bundy - It could lead to trouble. Have you talked to Adlai?

Ball - No. He is in route back to his apartment; he will be calling me in another five minutes. Is the President still disposed to try that with U Thant?

Bundy - Sure, there's no reason, if U Thant will send one that is satisfactory from our point of view, it cannot do any harm.

Ball - Yes, I can't imagine him as buying it.

Bundy - If they hold the ships up, we can talk.

Ball - That's the line. I think that U Thant's idea would be that, he is concerned with great possibilities of some confrontation tomorrow that this could escalate and be very serious.

Bundy - Obviously, we can't ask U Thant to send that message if we are going to do anything tonight.

Ball - That's right. We are not going to do anything tonight.

Bundy - Right.

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